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| POLICY OF STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION | POLICY NUMBER A-10 | PAGE NUMBER 1 OF 1 |
| | RELATED NCCHC/ACA STANDARDS: P-A-10/ 4-4425 (IMPORTANT) | |
| CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES | SUBJECT: PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF AN INMATE DEATH | |
| APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER: | | |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-19-07 | | |

PURPOSE:

Timely reporting is made in the event an inmate death occurs

POLICY:

1. At the time of an inmate's death the designated institutional staff will be notified immediately.
2. The site Health Service Administrator and the site Medical Director will be notified immediately. Refer to A-10.1
3. The institutional Authority notifies the Medical Examiner. An autopsy is requested.
4. The health record is copied as soon as practical and secured by the site Health Service Administrator.
5. A mortality review is conducted. Refer to A-10.1
6. Designated institutional staff will notify the inmate's next-of-kin (or designated person) in the event of serious illness or death.

References:

National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Prisons, 2003, P-A-10

American Correctional Association: Standards for Adult Correctional Institution, 4th Ed. 2003. 4-4425, 4-4395